AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively distributing invitations for a plurality of events, the method comprising:

storing in an event information database event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria;

storing in a member information database member information for each of a plurality of members, wherein each of the plurality of members has a corresponding electronic mailbox for receiving electronic communications for storage and later retrieval by that member;

for each event of the plurality of events, comparing the stored event information obtained from the event information database for that event about the plurality of events and the stored member information obtained from the member information database to identify for each member among the plurality of members all events among the plurality of events that match the stored member information for that member;

storing match information about all of the identified matches, wherein for each of at least some of the members among the plurality of members the stored match information identifies multiple events among the plurality of events that were detected for that member; and

based on the stored match information, generating and sending an electronic invitation message to the electronic mailbox of each member of the plurality of members for which matches are identified in the stored match information, wherein each electronic invitation message invites its corresponding recipient to all of the events for which matches were detected for that corresponding recipient.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria comprises an area of practice.

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3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria for each of the plurality of events is selected by a sponsor of the respective event.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of selectively distributing invitations for a plurality of events, the method comprising:

storing in an event information database event information about each of a plurality of events, wherein the event information for each of the plurality of events includes one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria;

storing in a member information database member information for each of a plurality of members, wherein each of the plurality of members has a corresponding electronic mailbox for receiving electronic communications for storage and later retrieval and wherein the member information for each of the plurality of members includes one or more member preferences;

for each event of the plurality of events, comparing the stored event information obtained from the event information database for that event about the plurality of events and the stored member information obtained from the member information database to determine for each member among the plurality of members all events among the plurality of events to which that member should be invited based on (a) matches between the member information and the one or more corresponding invitee selection criteria for each of the plurality of events and (b) matches between the event information and the one or more member preferences for the respective members;

storing invitation information indicating which events among the plurality of events each of the plurality of members should receive an invitation to, wherein for each of at least some of the

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members among the plurality of members the stored invitation information identifies multiple events among the plurality of events that were detected for that member; and

based on the stored invitation information, generating and sending an electronic invitation message to the electronic mailbox of each member of the plurality of members identified in the stored invitation information for receiving an invitation, wherein each electronic invitation message invites its corresponding recipient to all of the events identified for that recipient in the invitation information.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the comparing step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein, in the comparing step, a decision to invite a given member to a given event requires (a) a match between the member information for the given member and the at least one invitee selection criterion for the given event and (b) a match between the event information for the given event and the member preference for the given member.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an area of practice.

12. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion for each of the plurality of events is selected by a sponsor of the respective event.

13. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises an identifier that uniquely identifies an individual member.

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14. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the at least one invitee selection criterion comprises a list of identifiers, each of which uniquely identifies an individual member.

Claims 15-18. (Canceled)